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DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Schedule of meetings

Subsequent to the discussion of the schedule of meetings outlined in paragraph 2 of document A/AC.240/1993/L.4 it was, regrettably, established with Conference Services that it would not be possible to schedule the meeting of Friday 12 March either for the morning of that day or on the prior day. Accordingly the meeting of 12 March will take place at 3 p.m. but will be brought to conclusion in a timely fashion in order to honour particular concerns of delegations.

2. Theme

At the meeting of the Preparatory Committee held on 22 February many delegations expressed support for the theme proposed by the Secretary-General, that is, "We the peoples", but the overall view was that it needed to be expanded and made more specific.

Consultations on a theme have been taking place and it is hoped that a conclusion may be reached very soon and, if possible, at the meeting of 12 March.

One possible theme upon which consultation is continuing in a positive way is "We the peoples ... for Peace, Justice, Development".

The Committee may wish to indicate whether or not it is in a position to agree to a theme for the Fiftieth Anniversary.

3. Organizing principles

The following organizing principles, set out in document A/AC.240/1993/L.4, as agreed on 22 February were:

(a) United Nations celebrations and actions in conjunction with the Fiftieth Anniversary should, as far as possible, be universal in character in keeping with the universality of the membership of the United Nations;

(b) There should be a clear allocation of functions/activities between the United Nations system and Member States in order to ensure that inappropriate duplication is avoided and that the actions to be taken would, as a whole, be consistent and coherent;

(c) A suitable climax to the Fiftieth Anniversary needed to be identified. That climax or culminating point should have universal importance. The view had also been expressed that it should be enduring in its effect and have a suitable symbolic value, given the historic importance of the Fiftieth Anniversary;

(d) United Nations actions and activities in connection with the Anniversary should, to the extent possible, be conducted in and available in all the official languages.

The Committee emphasized and wished to have recorded that the main focus of activities for the anniversary should be forward-looking, which should be taken into account, inter alia, in selecting the underlying theme for the Anniversary.

4. Programme of work and activities

Under this item the Committee may wish to take note of any proposal for work or activities to mark the Anniversary, including the matter of the timing, nature, form and content of action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fiftieth regular session or in a commemorative session, or both, in 1995.

5. Action by Member States

The Committee may wish to receive reports by Member States on actions taken by or being considered by them, including the formation of National Committees.

6. Action by United Nations organizations

The Committee may wish to agree to send a message to the organizations of the United Nations system regarding its work and/or decisions taken by it, including, for example, the theme for the Fiftieth Anniversary.

7. Role of non-governmental organizations

At its last meeting the Committee decided to make the most open possible arrangements for participation in preparations for and in the Anniversary itself by interested non-governmental organizations.

The Committee may wish to consider adopting a formula similar to that used at many United Nations conferences: to invite the participation, as appropriate, of the concerned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and to authorize inviting other directly concerned intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that may have a specific contribution to make to the Anniversary.

8. Financial and administrative aspects

The Committee may wish to discuss further the need to ensure the provision of adequate staff and related resources for the Fiftieth Anniversary secretariat.